

Season's Approach Foreshadowed By Manager Ryan's Arrival

MANAGER RYAN TAKES CHARGE OF AFFAIRS UPON HIS ARRIVAL

Well Satisfied With Outlook for Winning Club. Twenty-four Applicants Sure to Report March 20—New Pilot in Splendid Condition—Doc Newton Signs Contract.

COMPLETE ROSTER 1914 COLTS

Following is a complete and official list of players to whom transportation will be sent:

Catchers—John Mace, Lewis Woerth, Mike Loan.
Pitchers—Charley Strain, Harry Griffin, Walter Smallwood, Gus Masters, Russell Byrd, Lem McIntyre, George Setton, C. Sisley, Ross Shippe, Posey Gardner, Ed. Henderson.
First base—John Haley.
Second base—Doc Newton.
Third base—John Collins, Connie Bresnahan, Bunting.
Shortstop—William Ryan, Joe Flaherty.
Outfield—Cecil Gray, William Troutman, Clarence Berger, G. H. Figner.

Transportation will be sent out March 16. Players must report not later than March 20. First exhibition game with Athletics, March 27. It is doubtful whether Sisley, Henderson and Collins report.

BY GUS MALBERT.

Ray Ryan, late of Cincinnati, is here. Merely as an index, we might add that Mr. Ryan is to be the manager of the Richmond team in the Virginia League this season. He arrived yesterday, some forty-eight hours late, to be sure; but then he arrived. It was early in the morning—8:30 o'clock, as nearly as we can approximate it—that he helped Mrs. Ryan and the scion of the future house of Ryan, together with the Ryan chattels, from the lumbering coach and proceeded to become part of the vox populi of Richmond.

Yes, he's in perfect condition; anxious for the season to begin; pleased to be in Richmond; likes the town, and all that sort of stuff. He was plump full of it, and so was Mrs. Ryan, and Ryan, junior, for that matter. Likewise, he expects to have a winning ball club. Somehow or other that "winning ball club" expression has a familiar ring! It may be that we have never heard it before, but it sounds dolefully natural after a lapse of some eight years.

Plenty of Information.

Manager Ryan had bundles of information for the benefit of those seeking knowledge as to the wherewithal and whyness and howness of the Colts. "I am not predicting a world-beater, but I do believe that I will have a club that will be hard to beat," he asserted, which was quite a nice way to begin. In cold figures, he will have some twenty-four athletes report here on the 20th. Included in this number will be pitchers, catchers, infielders and outfielders, strange as the announcement may appear. There may be more than twenty-four. Transportation will be sent to more, three more to be explicit, but these three are not expected to make the trip.

"I was banking considerably on big Ed. Henderson, the New York port-paw," continued Manager Ryan, "but I am not worrying any because he will not report. He accepted my terms and promised that he would be here. If he likes the Reds better than he does us, the best I can do is wish him luck. I am after another lefthander. His name is Chick Smith. He was with the Cincinnati Club last season for a tryout. He showed lots of stuff, but not quite enough to make him a big leaguer. He may not come, but I am certain that if he doesn't report to Richmond, he will not play baseball. Both Ross Shippe and Posey Gardner are lefthanders, so you see I will not be without southpaws, even though Henderson has quit."

Satisfied With Outfit.

Leaving his pitchers for a minute, Manager Ryan drifted into a discussion of his outfit. "I was sorry to see Bill Laval go," he said, "but I am very sure we will not miss him. Bill is a good ball player, and I am not underestimating his ability, but there are other good ball players, and I have some of them. Cecil Gray, the big fellow I got from Charleston, is going to prove a wonder, or I am vastly mistaken. I am counting on using young Berger in the outfield. William Troutman is another lad who will pole the ball a mile, and he is a good fielder as well. Yesterday I signed G. H. Figner. He is a local boy, but has had several years' experience playing ball in Central New York. From what I learn he can hit, is fast and has made quite a reputation for himself."

Ryan let it be clearly understood that he was by no means through trying to get ball players. Bunting will be sent a contract and will report. Those who have watched the fortunes of the Virginia League will remember when Bunting and Dobson came to Richmond from Fayetteville, N. C. Dobson played first base, and Bunting third. The pair came pretty near making a wonderful infield. Bunting has improved, and was in the Ohio State League last season until that organization gave up the ship. If he comes here, he will have to battle with Connie Bresnahan and John Collins, a college player, for a position.

Newton Signs Contract.

Doc Newton, by the way, has signed. He came to an agreement yesterday, and, he remarked in passing, is the one man on the club who will have no opposition for his place. At his own request, Ryan has shifted Doc to second base. Both Newton and Ryan are very firmly of the opinion that he will do better at the halfway places than at short, where he served last season. Newton has been spending the winter at his home in West Virginia. He arrived several days ago, but remained quiet until after he had come to terms with local headquarters.

"With Newton at second," said Ryan, "I believe it will be a rather easy task rounding out my infield. John Haley will be at first again, and for the other two positions, short and third, there will be four men trying—Bresnahan, Collins, Ryan and Flaherty, who sent in his contract yesterday. You see, I am not counting on Bunting. He wrote me that everything was alright, and that he would report, but I wanted to know his terms first. I am not going to have ball players reporting here when I have come to no agreement with them."

Has Many Plans.

Ryan has a number of plans for developing his team. He has a few ideas of his own, but he is saying nothing about them. He is, however, a strict disciplinarian without being a hard taskmaster, and one of the first things the men will be required to do after arriving is to listen to a lecture from the boss. He will not stand for dissipation of any kind, and announces that the first man found breaking his rules will hear the rattle of the cane. "This will be no good-time club," says the manager. "It's got to be business; and the fellow who fails to regard it as business will find a return ticket in his letterbox when he returns from the park."

Transportation will be sent out on the 16th, and the men will be expected here by the 20th. The first game is with the Athletics on the 27th, which will give eight days in which to whip the team into shape. The pitchers will report on the 18th, giving them two days to right themselves before being called upon to start even in a practice game. It is probable that a game will be arranged with Richmond College before the first exhibition contest is staged. Ryan and Newton, with John Haley, will practice with the Spiders, beginning to-morrow.

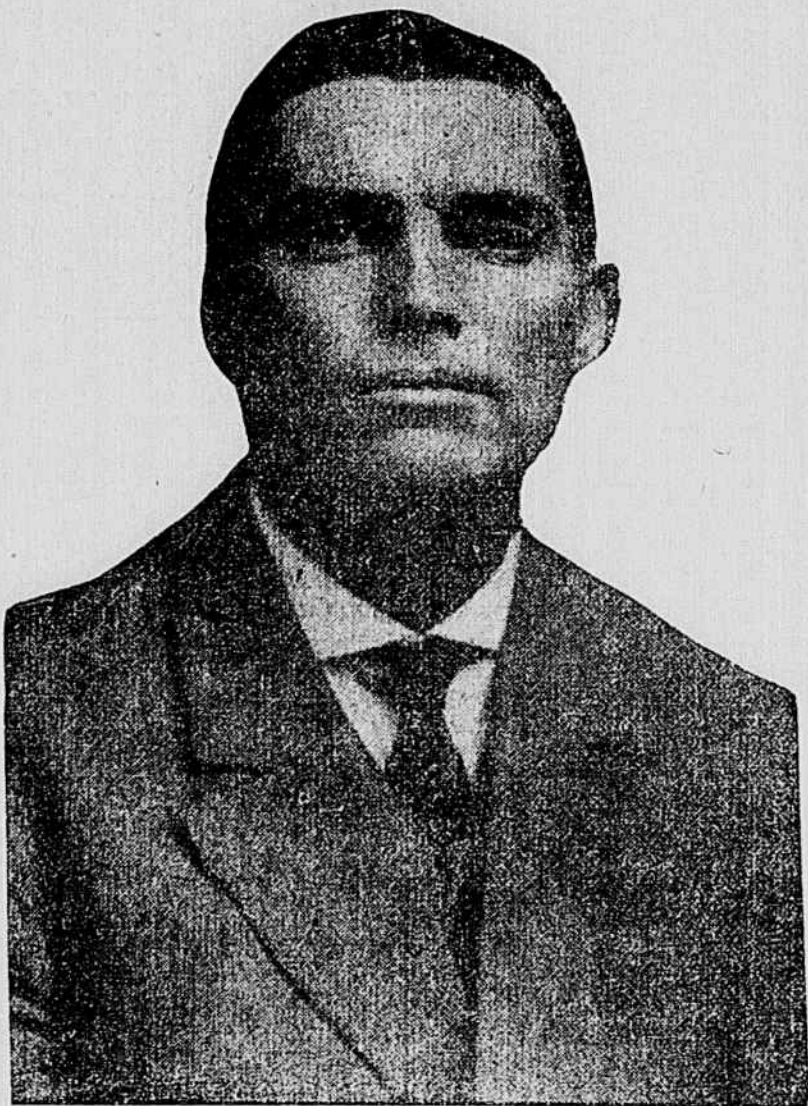
Altogether, Manager Ryan impresses one as a businesslike fellow, full of ambition and anxious to make a showing. So far, he has not predicted winning the pennant, which, in itself, is somewhat different from past experiences. Now that he is here, things should hum, and headquarters will undoubtedly be a busy place. There are numbers of letters to answer and other matters requiring the attention of the manager. He will be quite a busy man for some days, and will hardly get any rest between now and reporting time.

Exhibition Games.

Following is a complete and official list of exhibition games to be played by the Colts:

March 27—Philadelphia Americans.
March 28—New York Americans.
March 30—New York Americans.
March 31—Newark.
April 3—Jersey City.
April 4—Jersey City.
April 6—Battle Axe.
April 7—William and Mary, at Williamsburg.
April 8—Collegeians.
April 9—Richmond College.
April 10—New York Nationals.
April 11—Washington.
April 12—Rochester.
April 13—Toronto.
April 15—Toronto.

RYAN IS HERE



Manager of Colts, who is getting things in shape for 1914 season. He is hale and hearty, and ready for the long grind.

Laval Signs With Petersburg

As told exclusively in The Times-Dispatch Friday, Bill Laval is to become a member of the Petersburg Baseball Club. He signed a contract yesterday to play with the Gobblers during 1914. Laval purchased his release from Richmond Thursday, after he had refused to sign for the salary offered him by the local management. He was offered \$1500 a month by Richmond, the salary limit. In class "C" leagues the maximum club salary limit is \$1,400, with an individual limit of \$150. Laval stated that he was anxious to play with Richmond, but that he could do better elsewhere. Announcement that he had signed a Petersburg contract was made last night by Secretary R. T. Wilson, of the Cockade City Baseball Corporation. The salary paid Laval was not announced, but it is presumed that it is within the salary limit of the league.

Laval was one of the best men on the local club last season. He was a consistent and hard worker throughout, and fans here will be sorry to see him go.

EQUITABLE SCHEDULE HAS MANY WEAKNESSES

Richmond and Petersburg; Norfolk and Portsmouth; Newport News and Roanoke, Play Almost Continuous Ball—Not a Real Test for Teams.

The local colony of bugs is given an opportunity to-day to scan the first equitable schedule in the history of the Virginia League. Somewhere within the folds of these pages the schedule may be found if properly sought. If it is so, that you regard it rather as a continuous performance between several of the favored ones, or, if you come to the conclusion that it savors more of foolhardiness than of baseball brains, that's not our fault; neither is it here or there. The schedule is printed, not for what it's worth, but because sooner or later it must be given.

Just a cursory glance will disclose the fact that Richmond and Petersburg can come very nearly deciding the gonfalon between themselves, assuming that each city will have a fair club. Should neither Petersburg nor Richmond have teams of winning capacity, then Norfolk and Portsmouth will be the city of the league to be champion. And it so happens that neither Petersburg nor Richmond nor Portsmouth nor Norfolk has a pennant-winning ball club, then Roanoke and Newport News will fight it out.

For, reading down the columns, we find that Richmond plays Petersburg thirty-four games, seventeen in each city. Norfolk plays Portsmouth thirty-five games, eighteen in Norfolk and seventeen in Portsmouth; Newport News plays Roanoke twenty-eight games, eighteen in Newport News and ten in Roanoke. It is nicely divided, or as nicely divided as an equitable schedule can be divided without spending all of the gate receipts with the railroads.

Some Glaring Faults.

Some of the glaring faults of the schedule appear at first blush. For instance, as natural as the rivalry between Norfolk and Richmond should be, a much more natural rivalry than can possibly exist between Richmond and Petersburg. Norfolk comes here but four times, twice in May, once in June, and from then not until September, a lapse of more than two months. Petersburg goes to Norfolk just three times, once in May and twice in June; and Norfolk has just four series with Petersburg in Petersburg.

But Portsmouth is the real goat of the schedule. The Trickers have only nine Saturdays at home, less than any club in the circuit, but worse and more of it, they are scheduled to play Roanoke in Roanoke three times in the month of August. This is the climax. The longest jump in the circuit is given three times in one month to the city that can least stand expensive jumps. Still more. Portsmouth is scheduled to play in Roanoke five times during the season, a greater number of times than any other city, with the exception of Petersburg, and Petersburg is 100 miles closer to Roanoke than Portsmouth.

Frained for Money Purposes.

That the framers of the schedule had in mind making the teams that would draw the largest crowds play together as often as possible is obvious. But what the schedule fails to provide is a real championship race. It will be very nearly a test of the

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HOWITZERS TAKE GAME FROM C. C. A.

Artillerymen Win First Leg of City Championship Basketball Series.

TWO MORE GAMES REMAIN

Church Hill Team Puts Up Plucky Fight, but Finally Succumbs.

In a rough and tumble contest, marked by much individual playing and consequently little team work, the Richmond Howitzers last night defeated the Church Civic Association by a score of 31 to 23 in the first of a three-game series for the State and city basketball championship. The game was rough and bitterly fought from start to finish, but was marred by several off-color acts by one or two players.

The Church Hill boys started the game with a rush and scored 24 points to their opponents 7 before the latter woke up to realization of the danger of defeat. The Howitzers, chilled by the top-sidged score, braced, and by fine display of team work, brought the figures to the more equal standing of 27 to 26, with Church Civic Association on the long end, at the ending of the first half.

At the beginning of the second period the Church Civic Association youngsters maintained the lead for the first five minutes, but the Howitzers gradually overtook them, and six times in three minutes one team passed the other.

Hay Disqualified.

With less than five minutes to play, Hay was disqualified for kicking and being abusive toward Rowe, of the Howitzers. The latter was absent on account of his injury.

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LOCAL FEDERATION AFTER CINCINNATI

Wants Track Meet Between Athletes of Two Cities for 1915.

Efforts are being made by the Richmond Amateur Athletic Federation to get in touch with the Cincinnati Amateur Athletic Federation, and perhaps to arrange a dual meet between the two cities some time during the coming winter or in the early days of 1915. The Cincinnati Commercial Tribune of March 1 gives an account of the Cincinnati Amateur Athletic Federation and the splendid work it is doing in promoting athletics among the grammar and high school boys in that city. A splendid feature of all the athletic meets held in Cincinnati is the personification of the city, which is the stereotypical announcer, that is, the announcing is done by pictures thrown on a screen at one end of the big arena where the meets are held. Two men operate the lantern, one writing across and the other keeping something always on the screen. Between events there are always plenty of local slides ready, as well as pictures and records of famous athletes, trainers and coaches. After each event the name of the winner is shown, and the time made and also the world's record of the same event, so that the audience is kept posted all the time. When any meet is wanted for any reason whatever, his name is thrown on the screen and he is told to go to a certain section of the arena. Before an event starts the event is announced on the screen and if any man fails to start the audience is so informed before the event is run.

Plans are already under way to obtain a lantern for the Richmond Amateur Athletic Federation meets for next season.

The Cincinnati Amateur Athletic Federation also includes within its organization group clubs quite similar to the Richmond Federation, and a meet between the two cities would prove very popular. There could be two sections of the meet, one for athletic clubs and one for the preparatory schools, picking the best men from the clubs and the schools to represent the two cities.

SPIDERS' QUINT GIVEN LETTERS

At a meeting of the executive committee of the Richmond College Athletic Association, the basketball season was taken up in detail, and the report of the season's financial returns was turned over by Manager J. J. Wicker, Jr. The report was very creditable, indeed, for the first year, considering the very difficult obstacles that confronted basketball from the start to the end of the season, and Manager Wicker was congratulated by the committee for his energy and labors. After considering the season's work, the committee voted the following men letters: Luebert, Brock, Heub, Mitchell, Satterfield and Wicker.

MORAN OFF FOR STATES.

Future White Hope Leaves to Tour This Country in Vanderbilt. London, March 7.—A large crowd of sporting men gathered at Embankment to-day to bid bon voyage to Owen Moran, "the coming white hope," who sailed on the Mauretania, preparatory to filling a vaudeville engagement of several weeks. After this Moran will return here to fight a go-round with Jack Johnson for the world's heavyweight championship in Paris on January 2.

"I expect to beat Johnson," said Moran, "and I expect the hours and I get into the ring for it is an opportunity to have worked and waited for a long time. I am in good shape now, but will be better after a few weeks' work."

JOHNS HOPKINS WINS TRACK MEET

Baltimoreans Spring Surprise, Leading All in Annual Games of Georgetown University.

SEMMES WINS POLE VAULT

Princeton Defeats Pennsy in Two-Mile Relay, With Meredith Running.

Washington, D. C., March 7.—Johns Hopkins University, of Baltimore, captured the collegiate trophy in the annual Georgetown indoor games here to-night, which proved the most brilliant event of the kind in local history. The Monumental City crew scored twenty-two points against thirty-one for Georgetown, of Georgetown and six for Pennsylvania.

Georgetown lost the one-mile relay against Cornell, through the individual efforts of Caldwell, the visitors' sensational anchor man, who only recently set a new record for the half-mile on an indoor track.

Georgetown was leading by fifteen yards up to the final trip around, in which Caldwell, made up the distance and added three more after one of the greatest finishes in history.

Princeton defeated Pennsylvania's two-mile team by a margin of a few yards, despite the fact that Ted Meredith ran last for the Philadelphians. Meredith was leading with a good margin, when he fell in rounding a turn. His team-mates, however, did the better of the argument the rest of the race.

Summary.

50 yards, novice, finals—won by Gill, Georgetown Prep; second, E. S. Decker, Princeton; third, J. Blinford, Johns Hopkins. Time, 54.5.

50 yards, open—won by Brewer, Cathedral School (two feet); second, Broadway, Yale (six feet); third, H. Brennan, Baltimore "Y" (one foot). Time, 52.5 seconds.

50 yards, scholastic—won by Brewer, Cathedral School (scratch); second, Georgetown Prep (seven feet); third, Millsted, Central High (seven feet).

50 yards, collegiate—won by E. L. (Continued On Third Page.)

BASEBALL DAYS MAY ARRIVE SOON

But Weather Has Been Entirely Off Color for Diamond Stars to Twinkle.

Active preparation for the approaching baseball season has been considerably delayed locally because of weather conditions, and most of the colleges and prep schools have been compelled to keep their dates in leash or else try them out within a gymnasium. This is particularly true at Richmond College, where Frank Dobson has some of the best material attending the local institutions. So far, he has been unable to do any work in the open. What with snow and rain, to say nothing of frost, the opportunity has been given for outdoor practice.

What is the situation at Richmond College is equally true of Union Theological Seminary, John Marshall High School, Bonellville, Mechanicsville, and many other schools. Other institutions, however, there is promise of better weather in a few days, and with the first blizzards of the season, we will become alive with future greats endeavoring to win places on their respective teams.

No less than the colleges and prep schools, the amateurs have summer plans all complete for beginning the season, many of them waiting to call their men to the field. They are all of the men, and these managers, and they are taking no chances, but are determined to keep their men in the best of condition when the season actually begins. Baseball Commissioner H. Hill, of the Amateur Athletic Union, has called a meeting of the commission for Thursday at 10 o'clock, at which a decision will be made as to whether the season will be opened on the 15th or the 20th. As usual, there will be a parade through the streets with Mayor Aulick giving the word, and all will start the hopefuls on their journey to the field.

It all now depends on the weather. If the days grow warmer active practice will be possible, and the season will be opened on the 15th. The first games will be between the amateurs and the colleges, and coaches are anxious to get a line on what they may expect.

WEATHER KEEPS SENATORS INDOORS

Washington Team Unable to Play University—Boehling and Ayers Look Good.

Charlottesville, Va., March 7.—The Washington team of the American League, did not play its scheduled game with the University to-day, but the indications to-night are that both the professional and college squads will be able to use the diamond as if by magic, and provided there is no return of ground hog weather to-morrow, the Nationals will be able to engage in real outdoor work Monday.

The Griffins had two stiff workouts on the diamond of the city yesterday, and were allowed to use considerable speed, but were ordered to curtail their efforts by Griffith paid particular attention to Boehling and Ayers, both of whom are expected to be in the line-up when they experienced after their mid-trip performance on the gymnasium floor. No twirls on the diamond were allowed, but the Old Fox than Boehling for the Richmond lad shares with Walter Ayers in being one of the two veterans of the mound, now that Groom has gone to the Federals. Judging from his performances to-day, Boehling has lost none of his old-time speed. He will undoubtedly be chosen by Griffith to face the college boys on Wednesday, and the probability is that he will be kept in the box for more than three innings, as he is in splendid shape. The other fellow will be given his first tryout in one of the four games scheduled with the Virginia team, probably in the contest booked for Saturday of next week.

ROLLER ANXIOUS FOR OPPORTUNITY TO BEST KILONIS

Expects to Throw Both Turner and Greek, but Particularly Kilonis.

IN PERFECT CONDITION

Doctor Never Better Than Now, but Many Believe He Will Fail.

BY "REFEREE."

Dr. B. F. Roller, after a strenuous week on the mat, will try to throw Joe Turner, champion middleweight of the world, and John Kilonis, the cleverest of all the Greek demons, each twice within an hour and a half at the Academy of Music Wednesday night. While not discounting Roller's ability, and granting that he is as clever as they come, he will have achieved the unexpected if he makes good on this assignment. Wagers in almost any amount can be obtained that the big Westerner will fail in his purpose.

But that isn't the way Roller feels about it. The physician thinks that he is amply able to take care of his two lighter opponents. He knows that the game will be fast and furious over the entire route, and he is prepared to meet any style of battle that the middleweights may determine upon. Turner will weigh close to 158 pounds when he strips, and Kilonis should weigh at least 165, meaning that Roller will have to pin 323 pounds of as active flesh as ever wore a pair of tights if he wins. It is quite a task, even for a world's champion.

Interest Is Intense.

Interest attaches to the match largely because of the individual popularity of the three men engaged. Turner and Kilonis both have hosts of admirers in Richmond, men and women who are sure of the ability of their favorites. Roller, on the other hand, on a place for himself through his clever work against Shad Link, of Baltimore, and his return engagement is sure to attract an even larger audience than witnessed his prowess at the auditorium.

There is probably not a more perfect specimen of manhood in the world today than this same Dr. Roller. His entire life has been given to physical development. From the time he was six years old until he graduated from the University of Pennsylvania at twenty-six, he has been constantly trying to improve his physical as well as his mental self. Broad of shoulder and deep of chest, with well developed arms and legs, he is not a superfluous ounce of flesh in his 228 pounds. That his knowledge of medicine and anatomy have served him in good stead goes without saying, but Roller comes from sturdy stock, and it is to his parents he must give thanks for his sturdy frame. Given this frame to build upon he has done nothing but what would tend to his development.

Outfits Opponents.

That's why Roller has been able to outlast most of his opponents, and that's why his rise to fame on the mat has been little short of meteoric. When he first met Frank Gotch, then champion of the Illinois giant thought that

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GENERALS TO HOLD OUTDOOR GAMES

April 24 Decided Upon for Invitation Meet to Prep Schools.

Lexington, Va., March 7.—Saturday, April 24, has been decided on as the date for Washington and Lee's annual invitation interscholastic track and field games. These will be held at Wilson Field, just as they were last year, when they were made possible through the generosity of the Washington and Lee Alumni Association, Inc. The 1914 meet of the schoolboys, it is hoped and believed, will be even more successful than last year's affair, when thirty odd schools were represented and over 100 athletes participated. The individual point winner then was "Nubby" Jones, of Western High School, Washington, N. Y., the boys at Castle Heights, Tenn., in which he was an entrant. Jones now is at Georgetown.

In Washington and Lee's pioneer interscholastic games the winning team was Brooklyn Poly Prep, of Brooklyn, N. Y., the boys at Castle Heights, Tenn., being the runners up. Both these teams have signified their intention of again competing. Handsome prizes will be awarded at the coming meet, and plans are afoot to bring in officials the very best men of their kind.